



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Producers Waiting For Dry Fields

Spring-like weather returned to Oklahoma this week after snowfall blanketed many areas last weekend. Temperatures for the week were fairly mild, averaging in the fifties for most of the State. Mid-week rains and gusty winds were experienced in many areas. All nine districts received measurable rainfall this week, with the Northeast and Southeast receiving over one inch. Both topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions continue to rate mostly in the surplus to adequate range. Fields remain too wet for ground work and row crop producers are still looking for a break in the wet weather. There were only 3.6 days suitable for field work this week.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent
Week Ending Sunday, March 28, 2010

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Very Short	1	2	27	4	3	36
Short	7	4	29	12	13	39
Adequate	71	70	40	68	65	24
Surplus	21	24	4	16	19	1

Small Grains: Small grain conditions continue to rate mostly in the good to fair range, with 14 percent of wheat and 10 percent of rye rated excellent. Sunshine and warmer temperatures are needed to further development. Nearly half of the **wheat** was jointing by Sunday, up 11 points from last week but still eight points behind normal. **Rye** jointing reached 54 percent complete, 24 points behind last year and 13 points behind the five-year average. **Oat** seedings are nearing completion as 95 percent were planted by week's end, two points ahead of normal.

Row Crops: Rain and wet fields continue to delay field work in many parts of the State, although some progress was made in a few areas. **Corn** seedbed preparations have reached 41 percent complete, up ten points from the week prior but 16 points behind the five-year average. **Sorghum** and **soybean** seedbed preparations are running well behind normal at 14 percent and 12 percent complete, respectively. **Peanut** seedbed preparations continue to run ahead of normal at 42 percent complete. Seedbed preparations for **cotton** reached 30 percent complete, 31 points behind last year and 15 points behind the five-year average.

Pasture and Range: Pastures have reaped benefits from the recent rains, as grasses are greening up in many areas of the State. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly in the good to fair range.

Livestock: Livestock conditions continue to rate mostly in the good to fair range. Hay supplies have been depleted for many operations. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$111 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$100 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent
Week Ending Sunday, March 28, 2010

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Small Grains -					
Wheat	1	3	27	55	14
Rye	3	5	30	52	10
Oats	2	6	52	35	5
Livestock, Pasture and Range -					
Livestock	3	11	34	46	6
Pasture and Range	7	21	37	33	2

Crop Progress by Percent
Week Ending Sunday, March 28, 2010

Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Wheat -					Sorghum-				
Jointing	48	37	60	56	Seedbed Prepared	14	12	24	23
Rye-					Soybean-				
Jointing	54	53	78	67	Seedbed Prepared	12	6	31	30
Oats-					Peanuts-				
Planted	95	84	92	93	Seedbed Prepared	42	41	42	30
Jointing	11	N/A	10	14	Cotton-				
Corn-					Seedbed Prepared	30	29	61	45
Seedbed Prepared	41	31	69	57					

Weather for Week Ending March 28, 2010: Temperatures ranged from 18 degrees at Boise City on Thursday, March 25th, to 79 degrees at Hollis on Tuesday, March 23rd. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 in the Southwest district to 1.25 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 34 degrees at Boise City on Monday, March 22nd, to 59 degrees at Waurika on Wednesday, March 24th.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data
Week Ending Sunday, Ending March 28, 2010

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2010 to March 28, 2010		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	60	32	46	0.70	1.83	0.36	124
West Central	63	37	50	0.17	0.66	-1.51	30
Southwest	66	37	52	0.01	0.84	-1.20	41
North Central	63	37	49	0.24	1.39	-1.03	57
Central	64	39	52	0.08	1.48	-1.44	51
South Central	66	40	53	0.30	2.28	-0.92	71
Northeast	63	38	51	1.14	2.93	-0.38	88
East Central	63	39	51	0.71	2.95	-0.74	80
Southeast	65	39	52	1.25	3.28	-0.76	81